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Ms. Hiral Patel
Georgia Department of Transportation
Office of Environmental Services
One Georgia Center
600 W. Peachtree Street, NW, 16th Floor
Atlanta, Georgia 30308
Attention: Doug Chamblin

Re: Request for Variance under
Provisions of O.C.G.A. 12-7-6(b)(15)
GDOT #BRST0-0076-01(036)
PI #232310
SR 47 Bridge Replacement/Little River
Lincoln and Columbia Counties
File: BV-090-14-01

Dear Ms. Patel:

Pursuant to DNR Rule 391-3-7.05(2)(a)&(h), your stream buffer variance request for the above referenced project has been reviewed by the Georgia Environmental Protection Division's Watershed Protection Branch. The review was conducted to consider the potential impact of the proposed project's encroachment on State waters within the context of the General Permits for Stormwater Discharges Associated with Construction Activities.

As per your original application package received May 30, 2014, authorization is hereby granted to encroach within the 25-foot buffer adjacent to State waters. ***Buffer impacts authorized by this variance must be completed within five years of the date of this approval letter. If the approved buffer impacts cannot be completed prior to the expiration date, a time extension must be requested in writing at least 90 calendar days prior to the expiration date with justifiable cause demonstrated.*** Authorization for the above referenced project is subject to the following conditions:

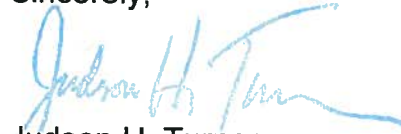
1. All graded slopes 3:1 or greater must be hydroseeded and covered with Georgia DOT approved wood fiber matting or coconut fiber matting. If not hydroseeded, Georgia DOT approved matting that has been incorporated with seed and fertilizer must be used. All slopes must be properly protected until a permanent vegetative stand is established;

2. The amount of land cleared during construction must be kept to a minimum;
3. All disturbed areas must be seeded, fertilized and mulched as soon as the final grade is achieved. Also, these disturbed areas must be protected until permanent vegetation is established; and
4. Georgia DOT type "C" silt fence or an approved high performance silt fence must be installed on the site perimeter wherever the stormwater may be discharged, and a double row must be installed between the land disturbing activities and State waters.

The granting of this approval does not relieve you of any obligation or responsibility for complying with the provisions of any other law or regulations of any federal, local or additional State authority, nor does it obligate any of the aforementioned to permit this project if they do not concur with its concept of development/control.

If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact Peggy Chambers, Erosion and Sedimentation Control Unit, NonPoint Source Program, at (404) 651-8549.

Sincerely,



Judson H. Turner
Director

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cc: Honorable Ron Cross-Chairman, Columbia County Board of Commissioners
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